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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY FOR UNDER SECRETARY VOLCKER

STATE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFSET

1. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPARATE CABLE THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT OFFSET AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY THE EXPERTS GROUP. THE GERMANS HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF CONCESSIONS DURING THESE SESSIONS IN LARGE PART IN ORDER TO REACH QUICK AGREEMENT WHICH THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT AND MINISTER SCHMIDT JUDGE TO BE POLITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THEM AT THIS POINT. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE NOW A DRAFT AGREEMENT BEYOND WHICH THE GERMAN SIDE IS NOT PREPARED TO GO SIGNIFICANTLY. FURTHER US REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE BUT NOT REALLY NECESSARY CHANGES ARE LIKELY TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, POISON THE ATMOSPHERE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND POSSIBLY EVEN LEAD TO SOME BACKSLIDING ON THE GERMAN SIDE.

2. I URGE THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE ACCEPT THE DRAFT AS IT NOW STANDS AND TELL THE GERMANS SO,
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